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BEFORE THE

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



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PINE BELT SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, INC.

-- ABANDONMENT --

BETWEEN ROANOKE JUNCTION AND LAFAYETTE,
IN LEE AND CHAMBERS COUNTIES, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION

Pine Belt Southern Railroad Company, Inc. (PBRR), filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1152 Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 17.4-mile line of railroad between milepost T-322.40 at Roanoke Junction and milepost T-339.66 at Lafayette, in Lee and Chambers Counties, Alabama. The exemption became effective on January 21, 2004.

Pine Belt Southern Railroad Company, Inc. (PBRR) exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line, as of January 1, 2005, discontinued operations, salvaged the track, cancelled the tariffs, and intends that the property be removed from the interstate rail network.

The City of Opelika was granted a public use condition, under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 to enable negotiation for the acquisition of the right of way for public use. The period expired July 19, 2004.

There are now no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, and this Notice is given pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) to effectuate consummation.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Richard Abernathy

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Consummation was served upon the Mr. Chris Longcrier, Railway Track Supervisor Railway Safety Section, Alabama Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 3042460, Montgomery, Alabama 36130 and Vernon Williams, Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, 1925 K Street, NW, Room 700, Washington, DC 20423; on January 20, 2005, by first class mail, postage prepaid.

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